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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 20, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. April 20, 1917. Darling Sandiesan:

How proud I am of you! I always knew you were game to do anything you wanted to. I do love you. Only what about next day and today? That's what troubles me. I want to know what you are doing. When are you coming back?

Mr. Deland sent me a bulky document from the Census office, they want your advice about it and he wanted to send it to you, but I thought it no use. There would be so much delay that you would cross it and you would not have time to look it over.

Just now I am quite pleased with myself because Bert showed Secty. Lane a little appeal for conscription I wrote and he and J.J.Carty and Gen. Greely said the argument was new and strongly urged its being printed and the Navy Defense have taken it and I am busy signing my name to it to be sent broadcast, and I will send you a copy in the official envelope. At all events I did my best and felt strongly.

Much love. Your Mabel. I can't begin to tell you how thrilled I am about that 4 ½ hour row. I can see it all. I've told every living soul I've met including Lane, Carty and Greely, and I am so pleased you loved me enough to write me.